

cleat

cleat (kleɪt) *noun*

1. A strip of wood or iron used to strengthen or support the surface to which it is attached.
2. **a.** A projecting piece of metal or hard rubber attached to the underside of a shoe to provide traction. **b. cleats.** A pair of shoes with such projections on the soles.
3. A piece of metal or wood having projecting arms or ends on which a rope can be wound or secured.
4. A wedge-shaped piece of material, such as wood, that is fastened onto something, such as a spar, to act as a support or prevent slippage.
5. A spurlike device used in gripping a tree or pole in climbing.

verb, transitive

cleat-ed, cleat-ing, cleats

To supply, support, secure, or strengthen with a cleat.

[Middle English *clete*, from Old English **cl̥at*, lump, wedge.]

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i·sos·ce·les

i·sos·ce·les (ī-sŏs'ĕ-lĕz) *adjective*

Mathematics.

Having two equal sides: *an isosceles triangle*.

[Late Latin *isoscelēs*, from Greek *isoskelēs* : *iso-*, *iso-* + *skelos*, leg.]

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ob·long

b·long (ˈbɒlɒŋɡ, -lɒŋɡ) *adjective*

Abbr. obl.

1. Deviating from a square, circular, or spherical form by being elongated in one direction.
2. Having the shape of or resembling a rectangle or an ellipse.
3. *Botany.* Having a somewhat elongated form with approximately parallel sides: *an oblong leaf.*

noun

An object or a figure, such as a rectangle, with an elongated shape.

[Middle English, from Latin *oblongus* : *ob-*, intensive pref. (sense uncertain). See *ob-* + *longus*, long.]

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e·qui·lat·er·al

e·qui·lat·er·al (ekwĭ-lătĕr-əl, kŏw-) *adjective*
Having all sides or faces equal.

noun

1. A side exactly equal to others.
2. A geometric figure having all sides equal.

— **e·qui·lat·er·al·ly** *adverb*

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